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USSR - Nuclear Test Talks:

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On the eve of the resumption of disarmament talks, a TASS statement charged that the resumption of the Nevada underground tests confirms US unwillingness to reach an agreement and warned that these tests will complicate the Geneva negotiations. The Soviet press has also alleged that the three-power talks in New York and Washington last month proved that the US position on on-site inspection is "only a pretext, a screen for unwillingness to conclude an agreement."

*The Soviet Union took the initiative at the disarmament talks which reconvened in Geneva yesterday by tabling a draft declaration prohibiting the stationing of strategic nuclear delivery systems on foreign territory.

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Common Market--Britain: [Bonn has informally communicated to London a seven-point proposal designed to achieve Britain's full membership in the EEC after an interim period of three to four years.]

[The proposal, as outlined to the British on 8 February in Bonn, calls for linking Britain to the EEC in a customs union covering industrial commodities. London would begin aligning its agricultural policies with those of the EEC, and certain agreed portions of the UK-EEC arrangements worked out prior to collapse of the accession talks would be incorporated into the transitional arrangement. Political relations between Britain and the Six would be strengthened through the WEU framework.]

[According to one version of the plan, the Six would have to agree in advance that the UK would enter the EEC on or about January 1967, but information about the German proposal is conflicting on this point.]

[A follow-up meeting in Bonn later this month has been agreed upon. The key considerations for the Macmillan government are whether the Six would undertake to give some assurance that the interim arrangement would lead to full membership, how quickly the necessary negotiations could be completed, and whether there is a reasonable chance that De Gaulle would not end the exercise with another veto.]

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South Korea: [The recent leadership crisis and growing inflationary pressures have shaken the military regime's confidence in its plans to erect a facade of representative government.]

[The regime is considering alternatives which range from the withdrawal of junta leader Pak as a presidential candidate in the spring elections to calling off the elections and continuing military rule.]

[Former security chief Kim Chong-pil told Ambassador Berger on 11 February that Pak had decided to withdraw from politics and that he seemed to have lost confidence in his ability to control the situation. Kim asked that the ambassador persuade Pak not to withdraw and that the US announce that there are prospects for additional economic aid.]

[The regime is becoming sensitive to economic problems because food shortages and rising prices in the cities have aroused the public's fear of inflation and have led to widespread criticism of the government. Although stocks of food and industrial supplies appear adequate for the immediate future, speculative hoarding has intensified inflationary pressures, while rumors are circulating that the currency will be devalued.]

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*Cuba: Jet operations at Holguin Airfield in northern Oriente Province may increase in the near future. [redacted] of Holguin-- Cuba's newest and largest airfield--revealed signs of construction of more earth-covered arched revetments of a type used to house MIG jet fighters. Eighteen such shelters were noted at Holguin [redacted]

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Syria: Six members of Prime Minister Azm's 21-man cabinet have resigned in the aftermath of the Iraqi crisis. This development may thwart Azm's plans to stay in office merely by reshuffling his ministers. The resignations include both rightists and leftists. [redacted]

East Germany: The East German regime has admitted that because of eight consecutive weeks of severe winter weather January's economic plans were not met. Production losses will not be recouped perhaps until the end of June. Flooding expected during the thaws could seriously hamper agricultural recovery, increase the strain on the transportation system, and further disrupt economic plans. [redacted]

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Cambodia: Cambodia's traditional prosperity is being gradually undermined by Sihanouk's neglect of basic economic reforms and toleration of graft. Foreign exchange reserves, which were about \$115 million 18 months ago, have sunk to \$95 million. While his financial situation restrains Sihanouk from moves that might result in the withdrawal of US military aid, it also may lead him to accept additional economic aid from Communist China, which he is currently visiting for the fourth time in seven years.

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*Cyprus: Relations between Greek and Turkish Cypriots continue to worsen and police and gendarmerie have been placed on a 24-hour alert. Armed groups from both communities are reported to be training, and serious rioting is likely if Greek Cypriot officials attempt to carry out threats to eject Turkish Cypriots from municipal property the Turkish community has controlled for some years.

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*Chile-Yugoslavia: The Chilean Embassy in Belgrade announced on 9 February that President Tito had accepted President Alessandri's invitation to visit Chile. No specific date was mentioned. Tito's Latin American itinerary will apparently also include visits to Brazil, Bolivia, and Mexico. There is a large colony of expatriate Yugoslavs in Chile who, although anti-Communist, remain deeply attached to their homeland.

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